

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION 5 77 WEST JACKSON BOULEVARD CHICAGO, IL 60604-3590

REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF

October 12, 2005

EPA Region 5 Records Ctr. 265604

MEMORANDUM:

SUBJECT: Establishment of Special Account for the Ellsworth

Industrial Park Site, Downers Grove, Illinois, U.S. EPA

Docket No. V-W-05-C-827, Site ID 05B52A

FROM:

Thomas Krueger A 9K

Office of Regional Counsel

TO:

Linda Haile, Acting Chief

Program Accounting & Analysis Section

The Office of Regional Counsel and the Superfund Division request that you establish a special account for the Ellsworth Industrial Park Site, Downers Grove, Illinois, Site ID 05B52A, to manage the monies to be received pursuant to a settlement to help fund performance of work by U.S. EPA in U.S. EPA Docket No. V-W-05-C-827. A copy of the settlement, which was effective September 29, 2005, is attached. This request and transmittal is made in accordance with procedures outlined in the Cashout Settlement Procedures.

Background

Under the settlement, Respondents will make an initial payment of \$60,000 into the special account for use by U.S. EPA to prepare an RI/FS work plan and other related documents. Upon U.S. EPA's completion of the RI/FS work plan and other planning documents, the Respondents have 10 days to decide whether to perform the rest of the RI/FS themselves. Unless the Respondents elect to do the work, they must pay an additional \$500,000 into the special account within 10 days after the deadline for the Respondents' election. The settlement payments are to meet the Respondents' obligation to perform or fund the RI/FS for the Site.

Summary of Costs

To date U.S. EPA has spent almost \$2 million on investigation and

enforcement at the Site. This settlement does not address past costs. It covers only the cost of performing the RI/FS.

Allocation Of Settlement Proceeds

Please place all of the settlement monies received into a special account for this Site. The \$60,000, and the subsequent \$500,000 contingent payment, should be available for performing response actions related to the Site. Please create a reimbursable Special Account to manage the monies received pursuant to this settlement.

The attorney for this site is Thomas Krueger at 886-0562, and the Remedial Project Manager is Mazin Enwiya at 353-8414.

cc Thomas Marks SR-6J William Bolen S-6J